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## PSC GRANTS INCREASE TO HARDIN WATER DISTRICT NO. 1 District serves Radcliff and nearby areas

FRANKFORT, Ky. (July xx, 2007) – The Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) today granted Hardin County Water District No. 1 a rate adjustment that will increase the typical monthly residential water bill by nearly \$3, or 12 percent.

In an order issued today, the PSC said that Hardin District No. 1 was justified in requesting to increase its annual revenue by about \$475,000, bringing it to \$3.64 million. The district's last rate increase was approved in March 2002.

Hardin District No. 1 has about 9,400 customers in Hardin, Breckinridge and Meade counties, mostly in and around Radcliff. The district is a wholesale water supplier to Hardin County Water District No. 2, Meade County Water District and the cities of Hardinsburg and Vine Grove.

A typical residential customer using 5,000 gallons per month will see their water bill increase by \$2.92, from \$24.20 to \$27.12.

The PSC also ordered Hardin District No. 1 to undergo an accounting inspection by PSC staff to address some concerns regarding financial data. However, the PSC determined that a comprehensive audit of Hardin District No. 1's management and operations, which had been contemplated in the 2002 rate case order, was no longer needed.

Today's order and other documents in the case are available on the PSC Web site, psc.ky.gov. The case number is 2006-00410.

The PSC is an independent agency attached for administrative purposes to the Department of Public Protection in the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet. It regulates more than 1,500 gas, water, sewer, electric and telecommunication utilities operating in the commonwealth of Kentucky and has approximately 110 employees.

